

Uryside School – Parent Forum

Minutes of Term 2, held at Uryside School on Thursday 8 November 2018 at 6.30pm

PRESENT

David Shanks (DS), Henry Hepburn (HH), Diane Brands (DB), Dawn Carnegie (DC), Craig Johnston (CJ), Adrian Stewart (AS), Jackie McBeath (JB), Councillor Lesley Berry (CLB), Councillor Judy Whyte (CJW), Claire Green (CG), Joanna Bruce (JB), Monica Martinez (MM)

APOLOGIES

Councillor Neil Bailie (CNB), Councillor Marion Ewenson (CME), Catherine Liebnitz (CL)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Craig welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

CJ approved the previous minutes.

OFFICE BEARERS & EVENTS COORDINATOR ROLE

- CJ stated that we still have various roles available
 - Events Coordinator
 - Secretary
- MM volunteered for the role of Events Coordinator
 - MM was voted into the role unanimously
 - Discussions surrounding how coordinator role will improve current setup
 - Lots of helpers have come forward
- SPTC to be contacted to discuss PVG requirements
- If a Secretary cannot be found, members will take turns to note meeting minutes etc

COUNCILLOR UPDATE

- CLB mentioned;
 - Activities relating to Uryside Park
 - Tree planting
 - Currently canvassing for trustees
 - School re-zoning
 - Committee meeting next week
 - Duelling of A96

- Plans to bypass Inverurie
 - Moving to Infrastructure Committee
 - Scottish government initiative, not local council
 - Market Place School
 - Final outcome to be decided
- Winter gritting was discussed by all attendees
 - Frosty weather this month has illustrated the challenges
 - Discussion surrounding whether additional tools/equipment are required
 - Main access point to be kept clear only (priority)
 - Any other gritting activities in vicinity is a bonus but not the aim
- CJ mentioned parents/carers/guardians parking in delivery area and drop off areas
 - Discussed by all attendees
 - Parent Forum asked the Cllrs what could be done re signage etc
 - More communication with parents to take place
 - Culture shift required
 - Steve Middleton (community police officer) to be contacted
- DC raised concerns re speed of cars on Peregrine Dr
 - DC suggested signage and a suitable crossing would be a good improvement
 - Cllrs agreed and are going to chase up the road safety audit for next steps
- CLB and CJW left the meeting at this point.

CONSTITUTION AND NAME CHANGE

- Parent Council has changed its name to Parent Forum effective immediately.
 - Consultation taken place with wider parent community
- New constitution was voted in by the Parent Forum
 - Consultation has taken place with wider parent community

COMMUNICATION

- Brief discussion took place re communication
 - Positive feedback relayed to DS re school weekly news,
 - Positive feedback re Facebook relayed
 - CJ to check on status of PTA Facebook page
 - Needs to be shut down asap

PARENT INVOLVEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

- CJ asked the Parent Forum if they would prefer CJ to complete the online questionnaire on behalf of the PF
 - All agreed. CJ to submit answers next week

HEAD TEACHER REPORT

- The current school roll is 376. 317 not including nursery
- Behaviour Policy updated after consultation
- £500 raised during the Halloween discos
 - DS thanked all for their support, including the Ad-Hoc helpers
- CJ raised the point that anyone helping at school events should ensure the school communicates with parents directly – not helpers
 - Gentle reminder re photography at school events – this is prohibited
- Xmas Fayre – 6th December
- DS raised a question re new HT start date
 - CJ to contact council for latest status
- Quote for P7 Hoodies in progress. PF will fund

TREASURER REPORT

- CJ stated that PTA books still require audit sign off
 - If anyone is in a position to do this should come forward
 - AS mentioned that if we are struggling he knows someone who could assist
- Kevin was not present but had sent an email to advise that the account balance is unchanged since the last meeting.

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NEXT MEETING

Thursday 7th February at 6:30pm

